

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COAL LIQUEFACTION/GASIFICATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held a hearing to examine the economic and environmental issues associated with coal liquefaction technology and on the implementation of the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 addressing coal

gasification, receiving testimony from Clarence L. Miller, Director, Office of Sequestration, Hydrogen, and Clean Coal Fuels, Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; Arie Geertsema, University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research, Lexington; David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.; D. Hunt Ramsbottom, Rentech, Inc., Los Angeles, California; and James F. Roberts, Foundation Coal Corporation, Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

Hearings continue on Monday, May 1.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

Committee Meetings

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA

Committee on International Relations: On April 19, the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing entitled "Human Rights in China: Improving or Deteriorating Conditions?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

H.J. Res. 82, providing for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on April 13, 2006. (Public Law 109-217)

H.R. 4979, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify the preference for local firms in the award of certain contracts for disaster relief activities. Signed on April 20, 2006. (Public Law 109-218)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 25 through April 29, 2006

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10:45 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Gray Hampton Miller, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination to occur at approximately 11 a.m.; following which, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4939, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, for debate only until after the 2:15 p.m. recess.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 26, to hold hearings to examine the state of the biofuels industry, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: April 26, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for National Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 26, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Government Accountability Office and other issues, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 333)

H.R. 1259, to award a congressional gold medal on behalf of the Tuskegee Airmen, collectively, in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces. Signed on April 11, 2006. (Public Law 109-213)

S. 2116, to transfer jurisdiction of certain real property to the Supreme Court. Signed on April 11, 2006. (Public Law 109-214)

S. 2120, to ensure regulatory equity between and among all dairy farmers and handlers for sales of packaged fluid milk in federally regulated milk marketing areas and into certain non-federally regulated milk marketing areas from federally regulated areas. Signed on April 11, 2006. (Public Law 109-215)

H.J. Res. 81, providing for the appointment of Phillip Frost as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on April 13, 2006. (Public Law 109-216)